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# WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

#### Present-

The Hon'ble Justice Soumitra Pal (Chairman) & The Hon'ble Mr. Subesh Kumar Das (Administrative Member)

#### Case No -<u>OA 121 OF 2017</u>

#### RADHANATH MAJHI <u>Vs</u> The State of West Bengal & Ors.

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3	For the Applicant : Mr. S. Mitra Advocate	
28.09.2018	Advocate	
	For the State Respondents: Mrs. S. Agarwal	
	Advocate	
	Affidavit of service filed today be kept on record.	
	As prayed for by Mrs. S. Mitra, learned advocate for the	
	applicant, leave granted to add Secretary, Department of	
	Agriculture, Government of West Bengal as party	
	respondent by amending the cause title. Since Mrs. S.	
	Agarwal, learned advocate appearing for the respondents	
	accepts service of notice on behalf of the added	
	respondents and as we find from the affidavit of service	
	that a copy of the application has already been served on	
	the said added respondent though the said respondent was	
	not added formally at the point of time of service of	
	notice, no further copy of the application need be served.	
	In this application, the applicant, an Ex-	
	Agricultural Extension Officer, who had superannuated on	
	30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2013, has prayed for a direction upon the	
	respondents, particularly on the Assistant Director of	

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Agriculture (Administration), Sadar Sub-Division, Purulia, the respondent no.3 to release superannuation benefits along with interest. Submission is that as pursuant to the directions contained in the memo dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 the applicant has deposited pending sale proceeds (Farm) money of Rs. 10,906/- in proper government head on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, appropriate order may be passed. Submission is though a representation dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 was sent to the respondent no.3 for grant of superannuation benefits it has not been considered. It is submitted that as at present the applicant is bed ridden and is unable to move, direction may be passed on the respondent no.3 to consider his representation appearing at page 17 of the application after granting an opportunity of hearing to his legal representative who may be allowed to represent him.

Mrs. Agarwal submits that the respondent no.3 may be directed to take necessary steps in accordance with the law.

Having heard the learned advocates for the parties and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this original application is disposed of by directing the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Administration), Sadar Sub-Division, Purulia, the respondent no.3 to dispose of issue regarding grant of superannuation

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	benefits to the applicant within ten weeks from the date of	
	presentation of a copy of this order after giving an	
	opportunity of hearing to his legal representative, after	
	necessary enquiry and after verifying the records. The	
	said respondent shall enquire whether the applicant has	
	made proper application for grant of superannuation	
	benefits in different heads in accordance with the law.	
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	So far the prayer for grant of interest is	
	concerned, considering the facts we decline to grant the	
	same at present and can only be considered after reasoned	
	order for grant of superannuation benefits is passed.	
	(S.K. Das) (Soumitra Pal)	
	MEMBER (A) CHAIRMAN	